



SAFETY TALK "OCTOBER"



AUTUMN INJURIES

As we bid adieu to the longer, warmer days and activities of summer in various regions of the county the hazards around us are always present. Whether we're transitioning from jet skis to ATVs or from the beach to our favorite hiking trail, the dangers are similar - and so are the injuries. Mayhem doesn't care if you're wearing board shorts or flannel; or having a lemonade or a pumpkin spice latte, it's always present, waiting for the opportunity to ruin a good time.



Key Takeaways



We are reminded that safety hazards await us no matter the season. Eleanor Roosevelt said, "Do one thing each day that scares you." Sometimes a healthy dose of fear is a good thing; it's that "danger" alarm inside that helps keeps us safe. As you head out for the great outdoors, your backyard, or enjoying holiday time at home, stay attuned to the hazards around you and manage the associated risks.

Halloween Safety



Remember "KIDS & ADULTS"

- Trick-or-treaters need to see and be seen.
 - Parents use face makeup instead of masks which make seeing difficult.
 - Give trick-or-treaters a flashlight to light their way, and add reflective tape, glow sticks and necklaces to costumes and trick-or-treat bags so that trick-or-treaters can be seen by drivers.
 - Have everyone wear light-colored clothing for better visibility.
- Use flame-resistant costumes.
- Make sure adults know where the kids are always going! Also, a parent or responsible adult should accompany young children door-to-door.
- Be CAUTIOUS around animals, especially dogs.
- ****WALK, DON'T RUN!****
- Only visit homes that have a porch light on. Accept treats at the door – NEVER go inside.
- Walk only on the sidewalks, not in the street.
 - If no sidewalk is available, walk at the edge of the roadway, facing traffic.
 - LOOK BOTH WAYS before crossing the street, and cross only at the corner.
 - Don't cut across yards or use alleys.
 - Don't cross between parked cars.
 - DRIVERS – USE EXTRA CAUTION. The youngsters may forget to look both ways before crossing.
- A grown-up should check the goodies before eating.
 - Make sure to remove loose candy, open packages and choking hazards.
 - Discard any items with brand names that you are not familiar with and if you are planning to welcome trick-or-treaters to your home, follow these safety steps:
- Light the area well so young visitors can see. Sweep leaves from your sidewalks and steps. Clear your porch or front yard of obstacles someone could trip over